

wherein said relation definition table contains a second relation type record containing said second relation type and associating said second relation instance table with said second relation type.

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~~32~~. The relational database processing system of claim ¹⁰~~24~~ further comprising:

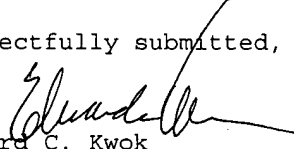
a third relation instance table associated with a third entity type; and

wherein said relation definition table contains a third relation type record containing said third relation type and associating said third relation instance table with said third relation type.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are deleted. New Claims 15-31 are added by this amendment. New claims 15-31 are supported by at least Figures 5, 6A, 6B, and 7, and the Specification at pages 35-45. Consideration and allowance of these claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate early allowance of these claims, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned Attorney for Applicant at (408) 453-9200.

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